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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Hurrah for the Irish and up-coming St. Patrick's Day. And a big hurrah for March 20, first day of SPRING. Never met a person with Irish ancestry who was not proud of it. And surely everyone will welcome Spring.

One of the first persons I met Monday morning while getting my mail said, "Isn't it nice to see the ground again!" Virtually all the snow melted away over the week end.

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Cold winters of years gone by has been a popular topic. It is more comfortable to read about them or hear about them than to have experienced them. Take, for example, the Blizzard of 1888. Think that was on a March 12. Anyway over 200 persons died in New York City alone from cold and exposure. Scores of vessels were destroyed on the Chesapeake Bay. Twenty-one inches of snow.

Today we are better prepared to cope with weather extremes.

Odd sight . . . a fifteen inch icicle had fallen and stuck straight up in the ground.

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Anyone remember March 16, 1933? That was the day the United States recalled gold and ended the circulation of gold coins. Every family used to have a few gold coins. There has been some talk of a new dollar coin, smaller than a half-dollar. How can a dollar coin be smaller than a half dollar coin . . . well a dime is smaller in size than a nickel.

Had a pleasant chat with Bro. William "Pete" Shelton about old days in Pamplin, the stores, and the family connections. I must drive to Pamplin soon and see what I recognize.

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Students must be adjusted to Saturday make-up sessions, for I hear no complaint. April 24-30 is National Dance Week. There will be four commemorative postage stamps, thirteen-centers, diamond shaped, 1.225 by 1.225 inches overall, honoring the ballet, theater, folk and modern dance.

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Rambling around from the note pad . . . Lynchburg now has thirteen motels . . . May 3 will be Sun Day, in honor of solar energy . . . the recent session of our State Legislature considered some 1400 House and 600 Senate measures and over half of them passed . . . admired a white birch tree in town and wish I had several.

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Very often I mention sports leaders in and around Appomattox, and I should add another name. I suggest that my friend Wallace Haley has been at or near the top in bowling as long or perhaps longer than any other local bowler.

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Baseball is creeping up as the next sports attraction. I understand that the ACHS baseball prospects have been limbering up indoors and are anxious to get outside and get started on the Seminole schedule.

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Big question . . . how long before garden spots will be dry enough to plow, disc and start planting?

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A knocking at the window turns out to be a small bird telling me that the bird feeder is empty. Okeh, will provide.

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Am reading Earl Schenick Miers' book on Robert E. Lee. Covers his entire life span and one never tires of studying the record of the gallant Confederate chieftan. Last week I mentioned finding a book in my library printed in, 1827. Well, since then have found a copy of "The Last of The Mohicans" printed in 1826.

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Will sign off as I began, happy St. Patrick's Day and Welcome to Spring. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

THE MADISONIANS, THE DYNAMIC vocal and instrumental jazz group from James Madison University, will be playing at The Appomattox High School Auditorium on April 14 at 8 p.m. This outstanding group of young entertainers is brought to you by The Appomattox Lions Club. Tickets may be purchased at Farmers National Bank, Fidility Branch Bank, The Times-Virginian and all Lions members.

First organized in 1973, the Madisonians have earned the reputation of being one of the top collegiate musical groups in Virginia. Various schools and service organizations have sponsored performances throughout the state and on television. Featured are 16 singers and the 22 piece JMU Jazz Ensemble. The group travels through-out the state and Southern region performing a high caliber musical show with a range of music from old jazz standards to nostalgia medleys and the latest hits.

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School Board Adopts Six Year Plan For Special Education

Meeting in regular session on Wednesday, March 8th, the Appomattox County School Board reviewed and approved the six year plan for special education. Included in the plan for 1978-79 are classes for handicapped students in the following areas: educable mentally retarded, trainable mentally retarded, speech, hearing impaired, emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, and preschool handicapped. Services for the visually handicapped will be provided by the Virginia Commission for the Visually Handicapped.

With these programs, the school system will meet state and federal requirements regarding services for handicapped students.

Orientation Program For Students and Parents

The superintendent conveyed to the board the excellent orientation program which the school system provides for students in grades six through twelve and their parents. He gave credit to Mr. Richard Carter, Mrs. Jean Hesson, guidance counselors and school principals for organizing implementing an effective program.

With the information provided and the follow-up sessions conducted by guidance counselors, students are able to plan programs of studies appropriate for their interests, talents and career goals. This year for the first time students are making a plan for subjects which will be taken through the senior year. This plan will be reviewed and revised each year.

Retirement Program For Classified Employees

Board members were given a copy of a study made by Meidinger and Associates, Inc. regarding inclusion of classified employees of the school system in the Virginia Supplemental Retirement System and the cost of this program to the School Board. The board will continue to study the program,

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Lawson, Carter, Gordon Join Race For Member of Appomattox Council

THOMAS W. LAWSON

SAMUEL E. CARTER

MAURICE E. GORDON

Thomas W. Lawson, Samuel E. Carter and Maurice E. Gordon have joined incumbents R. L. Bass, T. E. Conner and R. C. Hubbard, and candidates H. Webster Babcock & Francis A. Elliott in the race for a seat on the Appomattox Town Council when the election is held here May 2, 1978.

Lawson is a 1967 graduate of Appomattox High School. He then continued his education at Virginia Military Institute where he received the B. A. degree in History in 1971. He was then commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army and was stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Mr. Lawson then entered Law School at Memphis State University where he received a Juris Doctor Degree in 1974. He returned to Appomattox after receiving his law degree and has been practicing law here since then.

He is married to the former Miss Rebecca Duncan of Bogalusa, Lousiana and they have two children, Alison and Mark. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. (Jack) Lawson and the grandson of Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson all of Appomattox.

Samuel E. Carter, a native of Appomattox, is a graduate of Appomattox High School. He is employed at Babcock and Wilcox where he has worked for nine years. He has the position of Supervisor of Fuel Rod Fabrication.

A two and one-half year veteran of the Marine Corps, he is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church where he serves on the Administrative Board. He sings with the "Fellowship Four and Jackie."

Carter is also a member of Falling River Country Club. He is married to the former Miss Dorothy Burge of Appomattox County, an employee of Fidelity American Bank in Lynchburg.

Carter says he feels he knows the needs and concerns of the people of the Town of Appomattox as he has been a life-long resident here. He is very interested in helping the town move forward.

Maurice E. Gordon, a candidate for the Appomattox Town Council, was born and reared in Appomattox County.

He served three and one-half years overseas in the Navy Seabees during World War II.

He is married to Ella Gordon who retired last year from the Appomattox County Public School System. They have one daughter, Virginia, who with her husband, Ed Forant, reside at Virginia Beach.

Since June of 1948, Gordon has been associated with T. E. Brown Construction Company Incorporated. This company has offices in Appomattox and Morehead City, NC and specializes in the construction of roads, water and sewer construction and city streets. He was engineer and general manager of the company for a number of years but for the past twelve years he has been President and Chairman of the Board of Directors.

If elected, he promises to do his best to help further the growth of the Town of Appomattox.

Ralph M. Hamlett Candidate For Mayor of Town of Pamplin

Ralph Merritt Hamlett has announced his candidacy for the office of Mayor of the Town of Pamplin in the May 2, 1978 election.

Incumbent Mayor, J. A. Williams, has also filed his intentions to re-election to this office.

Hamlett, a native of Pamplin, graduated from Appomattox County High School in 1971, attended Central Virginia Community College and received his degree in Marketing Management from VPI & SU in 1976.

Owner of Hamlett's Quick Stop in the Town of Pamplin, he is a member of the Pamplin Ruritan Club, Beale Memorial Presbyterian Church and is active in the Appomattox County Republican Party.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen B. Hamlett of Pamplin.

Hamlett says he would like to inject a little more youthful approach to the town government and feels he is qualified as he lives in the town and works in the town.

As a life-long citizen of the Town of Pamplin, Hamlett feels that he knows and understands the problems facing the Town of Pamplin and its citizens and that he feels he has their best interest at heart. Pamplin has a lot to offer and he is interested in making it an even better place in which to live and to work.

Cancer Board - Volunteers To Meet

The Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society will meet Monday, March 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Farmers National Bank, Triangle Plaza Branch.

All cancer crusade volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

George Green, District Field Representative, will be present to present a film, "The Discoverers" narrated by Kirk Douglas. The film tells about the promise of cancer research and where it is going.

All board members and crusade volunteers are encouraged to be present. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULED

Holy Week services for Appomattox will be held March 20 through March 24th at Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church.

Holy Week meditations are scheduled as follows: Monday, March 20, Rev. Doyle Chauncey, pastor Liberty Baptist Church; Tuesday, March 21, Rev. Clarence Davis, pastor New Hope Baptist Church; Wednesday, March 22, Rev. Edward Leonard, pastor Memorial United Methodist Church; Thursday, March 23, Rev. Peter Hale, pastor Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church; and Friday, March 24, Harmon Smith, pastor St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

All week-day services will begin promptly at 12 noon and will last about 30 minutes, no longer. A light luneh will be served following the Holy Week services.

The public is invited to attend these services.

Supervisors Adopt Loitering Ordinance

Since the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors met Friday of last week, it's not a good idea to "hang around" in the county as they adopted an ordinance prohibiting loitering that became effective March 10th at mid-night.

The Ordinance adopted at the Friday meeting reads as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to loiter in or upon or around any public place, public building or public grounds, highway, street, park or other public place or obstruct the access to any public building or public place or any part thereof.

For the purposes of this section, the term "loiter" shall encompass and be defined, but shall not necessarily be limited to, one or more of the following acts:

(1) Obstruction of the free unhampered passage of pedestrians or vehicles;

(2) Obstructing, molesting or interfering with any person lawfully upon any highway, street, park or other public place;

(3) Remaining idle in essentially one locaiton without being able to establish or having a legitimate business or purpose in remaining at such place or, by conduct, exhibiting the absence of a lawful purpose in so remaining at such place or to remain in a place as heretofore set forth in this statute for no obvious reason;

(4) Refusing to move on when so requested by an officer of the law, provided the officer of the law has exercised his authority reasonably under the circumstances in order to preserve or promote public peace and order.

PENALTY. Any person who

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OFFICIAL VOTING INFORMATION RELEASED BY REGISTRAR

The Constitution of Virginia requires that you be registered in the precinct in which you live in order to be qualified to vote.

According to Mrs. Emma Lemon, Registrar for the County of Appomattox, in order to be eligible to vote in the Councilmanic Election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 1978, you must register no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, 1978.

The Registration Office for the County of Appomattox, located at 125 Court Street, will be open for registration on Saturday, April 1, 1978, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of registering qualified persons to vote at the election to be held on May 2, 1978.

You are further notified that this office will be open Saturday, April 22, and Saturday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. mainly for the purpose of accepting applications for absentee ballots. April 29, 1978 is the last day on which such applications for absentee ballots may be made in person by qualified applicants tor this election.

TOWN TAGS ON SALE

Town motor vehicle tags for residents of the Town of Appomattox are now on sale at the Town Offige. March 31st is the deadline for purchasing your town tags.

For the convenience of those citizens who are unable to come by during the week, the office at the Town Hall will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon on Saturday, March 18, and again on Saturday, March 25th.

PLANS FOR 6TH ANNUAL RR FESTIVAL BEING MADE

Civil orgánizations in the county are again busy planning a Railroad Festival. The Sixth Annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival. It has a certain ring to it. In view of the fact that the name has become identified with the event's tradition of family-fun, the name of the Festival is not being changed. Since Appomattox is more than railroad oriented, the Festival Board is working hard to bring a variety of events for all ages to the Festival. Any person or club interested in participating in the Festival is urged to contact Patsy Butler (352-8607) or Evelyn Ford (352-8690) or write Box 644, Appomattox.

Specific areas of responsibility for various clubs and chairpersons will be published at a later date. Keep watching for news of Festival highlights.

Public Meetings Set For Citizen Input For Comprehensive Plan

The need for more jobs, more doctors, more recreational facilities and satisfaction with small town and rural life style were ideas expressed by area residents at recent public meetings.

Public meetings were held in Evergreen and in Pamplin last week to gain citizen ideas for the Appomattox Comprehensive Plan. Inclement weather caused the cancellation of the scheduled meeting in the Appomattox Courthouse on March 8. That meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. An additional meeting will be held at the Old Oakville School Monday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

More than two dozen citizens attended the Evergreen meeting which was held in the Ruritan Meeting Hall. The meeting was conducted by Foster Paulette, project coordinator for the Central Virginia Planning District Commission and Bill Britton, special projects consultant for Appomattox County. The meeting emphasized the potential conflicts of trying to increase the number of jobs in the county while preserving the rural nature of the area.

"We need more jobs so that the area doesn't stagnate, but should also protect the peace and quiet. It should be growth with tack," said an Evergreen resident.

Residents present at both meetings expressed the need for more recreational facilities, more doctors and a definite need for the proposed by-pan around the Town of Appomattox. Citizens in Pamplin City also stressed the need for more police visibility in the area.

Britton noted that the first two meetings were a good start in getting citizen ideas for the comprehensive plan, but larger attendance is desirable for the next meetings.

"The discussion in the meetings has been excellent," said Paulette. "We are getting the type of comments we need to form to plan goals. Also, I think the citizens attending the finding the meetings informa-

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COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE TO ASSIST RESIDENTS WITH TAX FORMS

The Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County, Monte Mays, will be available in the following locations to assist people with filing tax forms:

March 20 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Vera
Mar. 21 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pamplin
Mar. 22 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Gladstone
Mar. 23 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oakville
Mar. 24 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Stonewall

For further information, call the office of the Commissioner of Revenue.

Dark Tobacco Growers Get Recognition, Awards At Dinner

Seventeen tobacco growers from eight counties received production awards during the fourth annual Dark Fired Tobacco Growers banquet here Tuesday night, March 7th.

In the above photo, six children of the Harvey Campbell family of Evergreen won the top gold certificate production award for their 2,700 pounds per acre crop grown on 1.44 acres. Shown, seated are Cindy, Charles, Terry, Becky, and standing is Sue Campbell. Harvey Campbell, Jr. was not available for photo. Other award winners, shown on back row, from the left, were: Henry W. Mann, winning a green certificate for 2,131 pounds per acre; Mr. and Mrs. Otis Tucker Harvey won a green certificate for 2,137 pounds per acre; and Mr. and Mrs. Beverly K. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Martin (the Martin brothers) topped the 2,000 to 2,500 pound green certificate production class with their 2,421 pounds per acre crop grown on six acres. Appomattox County Extension Agent Jim Smith noted that the Martin crop sold for an average of $1.81 per pound, for a $26,352.95 gross sale.

About 100 family members, friends and representatives of the tobacco industry and the Cooperative Extension Service of VPI&SU attended the gathering at the Woodman of the World hall.

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E. 10" wrench. 23-327
F. 13½" metal tool box. 23-1200
G. 16 oz. hammer. 23-174
H. 28" Stanley hand saw. 23-250
I. 10" tin snips. 23-352
J. 10" pipe wrench.

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